

and safe place for youth to play. The park opened to the public on May 21, 2005 and features a planet walk by artist Philip Smith and a stainless steel sundial sculpture by artist Patrick Vogel. The 1.2 acre park is a welcoming place for families to gather in a neighborhood short on park space.

The Long Beach Rotary is one of the largest Rotary Clubs in Southern California. Comprised of approximately 375 business and professional leaders that put "Service above Self," the Rotary Club is known the world over. Rotary Club International is comprised of more than 1,200,000 members in 31,000 clubs in 166 countries.

The Long Beach Rotary has two remarkable charitable organizations. The Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation and The Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation both are 501(c)(3) non-profit corporations.

The Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation offers scholarships to Long Beach area students at Long Beach City College and California State University, Long Beach. Currently, the foundation oversees over \$6 million. In 2006 the foundation awarded over 250 scholarships totaling nearly \$300,000.

The Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation supports philanthropic endeavors in the Long Beach area. Past projects include Rotary Centennial Park, Camp Enterprise, and Rotary Reads, as well as grants to Long Beach area charities and programs designed for youth and education. Groups such as the Boys and Girls Club, LB Day Nursery, YMCA, Boy Scouts, Long Beach Unified School District, and the Carpenter Center have all benefited from the foundation, which gave over \$80,000 in 2005–2006.

The Long Beach Rotary has definitely kept to its founding principles of providing humanitarian service, encouraging high ethical standards in all vocations, and helping to build goodwill and peace in the world—one tree, one student, and one park at a time.

Happy Anniversary. May the next 90 years bring as much success as the past 90 years.

HONORING PHILLIP GREENWELL

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Phillip Greenwell, a remarkable man with a long history of service to his country and to Kentucky. Mr. Greenwell, a lifelong resident of Nelson County, has been an active member of American Legion Post 121 in Bardstown, KY, for nearly 60 years.

Phillip Greenwell was drafted into the Army during World War II and served for 2 years as a combat engineer at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

Mr. Greenwell has made it a personal priority to serve his fellow veterans through his work with American Legion Post 121. His leadership positions include post commander, post vice commander, district commander, district vice commander, district service officer, and district chaplain. He has also served on the Kentucky American Legion State Finance Committee and State Internal Affairs Committee.

Though Mr. Greenwell's health now requires him to stay at home, he still stays active in

American Legion activities by phone and continues to assist with veterans casework. In addition to his American Legion service, he has served on the Kentucky Boy's State Committee and was a volunteer for the Red Cross for over 25 years.

It is my privilege to honor Phillip Greenwell today, before the entire United States House of Representatives, for his service to our country and his tireless efforts on behalf of American Legion Post 121 and his fellow veterans. Mr. Greenwell has made a significant difference to his "Old Kentucky Home."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL GRAHAM

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Michael Graham of Henderson, Nevada who passed away on September 23, 2007.

Michael was born in McMinnville, Oregon, on October 23, 1946. After he earned his bachelors degree from San Francisco State University and fulfilled his graduate studies in the areas of finance and management, he became involved with private and non-profit finance and management careers. His career reached its culmination when he was named Deputy State Director of the Nevada Small Business Development Center in 2000. In this role, he directed the activities of the Business Environmental Program in Nevada as well as five Nevada Small Business Development Centers in Southern Nevada. He managed nearly 50 staff around the State providing business advice, resources and training.

Prior to taking the Deputy Director position in Henderson, Michael lived and served the community of Reno, Nevada, as an owner of several small businesses and eventually became the Director of Development for the University of Nevada, Reno College of Business Administration. He was awarded for his dedication to the community as the recipient of the prestigious "Philanthropic Executive of the Year" Award for northern Nevada in 2000.

In 1976 Michael joined the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, and was the president of two different chapters. Mr. Graham was also an active member of several boards and committees including the UCCSN's Division of Continuing Education's Non-Profit Management Board, President of Arizona Consulting Group, and is a proud member of the Prospectors Club. Moreover, he served on the city of Reno's Redevelopment Advisory Board and its Financial Board. Michael has also taught Business Management, Finance and Fund Raising on various college campuses.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Michael Graham who was and remains well known and respected community member. His dedication and service to the community should be applauded and admired by all. He was a pillar of the community and will be greatly missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, due to travel conflicts beyond my control, I was unable to be back in Washington on October 9, 2007. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 949 on passage of H. Res. 32. I also missed rollcall vote No. 950 on passage of H.R. 400, the War Profiteering Prevention Act of 2007. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H.R. 400.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER AARON WEAVER POST OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I am pleased that today we can honor a true American hero, Aaron Weaver of Inverness, Florida. Weaver is yet another example of the dedication of many men and women serving in our military today.

Weaver has a great family history of service and I am proud to work with his uncle, Naval Academy graduate and veteran Bill Schmidt, on behalf of the veterans in the fifth district of New Jersey. I know that Bill will miss him dearly but I also know that he is proud of his courageous nephew.

Weaver served in Mogadishu with the rangers who were immortalized by the movie *Black Hawk Down*. These brave Americans held out against superior numbers of armed rebels and conducted their mission in Somalia with dedication and dignity. For his actions in Somalia he was awarded a Bronze Star.

When Warrant Officer Weaver was diagnosed with his illness he chose to fight both cancer and the forces of Saddam Hussein. While he could have chosen a medical discharge he instead pressed to be with his comrades defending our Nation. If there were American soldiers defending freedom on foreign shores then Weaver wanted to be with them.

It's only proper that we should honor this hero with a lasting memorial in his community. I hope that his courage and sacrifice will not be forgotten and that he can serve as an inspiration to those who are serving our Nation now in the field of battle.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID K. SHIPLER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Shipler, a former national and international reporter, former diplomatic correspondent, and author, as he speaks at Case Western Reserve University, my alma mater, on his latest book, "The Working Poor: Invisible in America."

In his writing, Mr. Shieler brings the issue of poverty in America front-and-center. He spent years interviewing and building lasting relationships with people falling between the cracks, despite their steady work, many of whom live in the Cleveland area. The people he describes make incredible sacrifices and still are unable, in many cases, to provide for their basic needs and those of their family, such as food, health care, child care, transportation, sick days, and adequate time with their families.

He identifies acts of kindness of friends and employers who assist those not able to meet these needs through work as their saving grace, but he also discusses these interactions as the exception. There are many, many more working people in constant struggle without the help they need from their employers or their Government.

In all of his works, Mr. Shieler describes and explains real social and personal conflicts while emphasizing the need for principles of peace and understanding as the way forward.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring David Shieler for his distinguished and passionate career of spreading public awareness of crucial issues of inhumanity and injustice. His work has undoubtedly led many towards a greater awareness and push for social change.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MEL
JOSEPH

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mel Joseph as he receives the March of Dimes 2007 "Alexander Macomb Citizen of the Year" award.

Mr. Joseph is currently the General Manager for Kem-Tee & Associates in Macomb County. He worked to expand the company, which today covers over 21 counties, and has become one of the largest surveying and engineering businesses in southeast Michigan.

Combining his love of sports and work experiences, Mr. Joseph is deeply involved in a variety of community and professional organizations. He is an active member of the Michigan Mortgage Lender's Association, Michigan Mortgage Bankers Association, Women's Council of Realtors, Commercial Real Estate Women of Detroit, National Association of Mortgage Brokers, Detroit Association of Realtors, Western Wayne & Oakland Consolidated Association of Realtors, North Oakland County Board of Realtors, Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors and Downriver Association of Realtors.

He has served as chairperson for the Continental Amateur Baseball Association, a board member for the Macomb Community College Surveying Advisory Board, and a member of the Luxury Suite Advisory Committee for the Detroit Tigers.

Mel Joseph was born and raised in the lower east side of Detroit. He attended St. Martin's school where he played basketball and was captain of the football team. He worked his way through college at his father's trucking business, and earned his bachelor's degree in communication from Wayne State University.

After graduation, Mr. Joseph went to work for Phillip Morris U.S.A. as a sales and marketing representative and advanced through the company to Divisional Sales Manager for the State of Illinois. He left Phillip Morris to pursue his love of sports and became the executive vice president of Professional Sports Representatives for Professional Management and Consultants.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mel Joseph for his commitment to excellence, as well as his professional and personal devotion to his community.

HONORING INSIGHT ENTERPRISES,
INC. PENINSULA CENTER FOR
INDEPENDENT LIVING

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Insight Enterprises, Inc. Peninsula Center for Independent Living of Hampton, Virginia. This year marks its 20th year of service to individuals with disabilities on the Virginia peninsula.

For 20 years, the Peninsula Center for Independent Living's philosophy has been that individuals with disabilities should play a major role in deciding their future. As a coalition of professionals working in the fields of education, rehabilitation and community services, the Peninsula Center has been instrumental in allowing persons with disabilities to empower themselves to truly live independent lives.

Madam Speaker, the Peninsula Center for Independent Living provides an invaluable service to thousands. The Peninsula Center works to ensure that individuals with disabilities who need housing, whether public or private, can locate housing that is accessible and suitable to their needs. The Peninsula Center has also provided assistance in resolving complaints in the areas of housing, education, employment and community programs. Other core services provided by the Peninsula Center include peer counseling, and independent skills training. The Peninsula Center also provides community outreach, including disability awareness, technical assistance regarding accessibility and legal issues, and general disability related information.

Insight Enterprises was founded by Ralph W. Shelman of Hampton, who still serves as its executive director. I have had the privilege of working with Ralph on a variety of issues affecting individuals with disabilities both here in the U.S. House of Representatives and during my service in the Virginia General Assembly. Ralph served as an influential member of the coalition that helped enact the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Commonwealth of Virginia knows no better advocate for persons with disabilities than Ralph. The Virginia General Assembly even passed a joint resolution commending Ralph for his work for individuals with disabilities in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Insight Enterprises, Inc. Peninsula Center for Independent Living, its executive director, Ralph Shelman, and their very professional and caring staff on their 20 years of service to the people of the Virginia peninsula. I com-

mend the officers, staff and board members of the Peninsula Center for all that they have done and will continue to do to better the lives of countless individuals, and I wish them many more years of service to the people of the Virginia peninsula.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
PAUL E. BEBOUT ON HIS INDUC-
TION TO THE OHIO VETERANS
HALL OF FAME

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Paul E. Bebout has been a wonderful father to seven children and made time to coach little league, be a boy scout leader and serve as a school board member; and

Whereas, Mr. Bebout is a Mason and Shriner, where he serves as the local project chairman and has helped raise thousands of dollars for Crippled Children's Hospitals; and

Whereas, he is a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans and American Legion; and

Whereas, Mr. Bebout was named Legionnaire of the Year 2002/2003; and

Whereas, Mr. Bebout contributes to the Church Christmas programs; and

Whereas, he assisted to raise funds for scholarships for the local high school; and

Whereas, Mr. Bebout belongs to the Military Order of the Purple Heart Post #625; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank Paul E. Bebout for his contributions to his community and country. Congratulations to Paul E. Bebout on his induction to the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

CONTINUED PROHIBITION OF
INTERNET GAMBLING

HON. TOM FEENEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. FEENEY. Madam Speaker, last year, I cosponsored legislation with Congressman BOB GOODLATTE to help stop the widespread growth of gambling over the internet. Though Federal law already prohibits gambling over telephone wires, the passage of this legislation was necessary to maintain the original intent of the law while also bringing it up to speed with the explosion of current and future technology. However, this update of the law made clear that it would only affect interstate commerce, respecting the rights of states by leaving to them the decision whether and how to regulate gambling within their own borders. New legislation before the Financial Services Committee attempts to undo all of this previous work, instead granting the federal government the expansive and exclusive right to regulate all online gambling. This new legislation would represent the first time in history that the Federal Government would be given power to issue gambling licenses, and it